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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the beloved Imām of our time (ʿaj).
May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.

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Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): On the Day of Resurrection, the ink of the scholars will be weighed up against the blood of the martyrs, and the ink of the scholars will be heavier than the blood of the martyrs.
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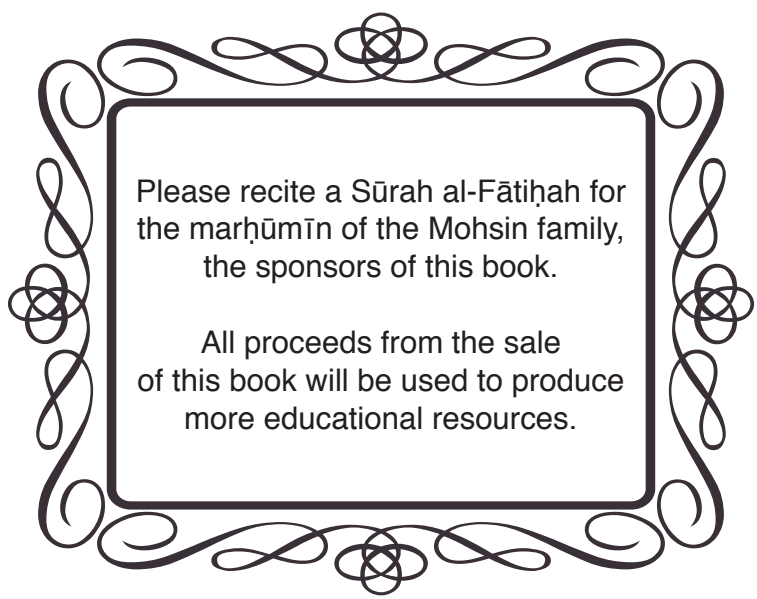
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Arabic terms in this book have been transliterated according to the following guidelines*:

ء	a, i, or u (initial form)
ء	ʾ (medial or final form)
ا	a
ب	b
ت	t
ث	th
ج	j
ح	ḥ
خ	kh
د	d
ذ	dh
ر	r
ز	z
س	s
ش	sh
ص	ṣ
ض	ḍ
ط	ṭ
ظ	ẓ
ع	ʿ
غ	gh
ف	f
ق	q
ك	k
ل	l
م	m
ن	n
ه	h
و	w
ي	y

ـَ	a
ـِ	i
ـُ	u
ـّ	double letter
آ / ـَا / ىٰ	ā
ـِي	ī
ـُو	ū

*Please note that due to limitations, the transliteration is not 100% accurate in capturing tajwīd rules.

Preface

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ):
Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the Prophets and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa).

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for the future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ʿulamāʾ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

The goal of the *Heavenly Children* series is to foster the love of Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa) in children and to help them establish the 14 Maʿṣūmīn as their role models. We hope that you and your children enjoy these books and use them as a means to achieve this goal, inshāʾAllāh. We pray to Allah to give us the strength and *tawfīq* to perform our duties and responsibilities.

With Duʿās,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)

About the Board ʿĀlim

Moulana Nabi R. Mir (Abidi) is a scholar, an educator, a father, and an enthusiast for creating educational infrastructure and Islamic resources for the benefit of the global community. Always wanting to think 'outside of the box' by supporting the creation of innovative materials to engage young readers to pick up Islamic books, interact with Qurʾānic games, learn from the Steps to Perfection Curriculum, and begin their life-long journey of holistic education.

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You, dear reader, are now part of the Al-Kisa family.
Share the word, and join the mission.

To prepare for their ziyārah trip, Ahmad, his Mama, and his Baba were remembering all of the fourteen Maʿṣūmīn. Mama had just finished telling Ahmad about Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa).

"So, Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) and Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) are in Medina… Is anyone else there for us to visit?" Ahmad asked his parents.

"Well," Mama said, "there is a special cemetery in Medina called Jannatul Baqī. Four of our Imāms and many other great people are buried there. One of the Imāms buried there is Imām Ḥasan (ʿa), the eldest son of Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) and Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa)."

"Oh, I remember you told me about Imām Ḥasan (ʿa)! Everyone was very happy when he was born!" Ahmad grinned.

Mama nodded. "Yes, that's right! And he was born on the 15th of Ramaḍān. He was very special to his grandfather, Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) . The Prophet (ṣ) used to carry him on his shoulders and tell everyone that Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and his brother, Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa), are the leaders of the youth of paradise!"

"Even *I* love to ride on my grandfather's shoulders," Ahmad said laughing. "And his grandfather was the real Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ) ! He must have been very special."

"Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) was a very special person, indeed. He was the flagbearer of Imām ʿAlī's (ʿa) army in many big battles, like the Battles of Ṣiffīn, Jamal, and Nahrawān. This means that he would hold up the army's flag. In a battle, this is a very important job. He was also strong and brave, just like his father! After Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) was martyred, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) became the second Imām," Baba explained.

"Did Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) become shahīd* in one of those battles?" asked Ahmad.

"No," said Mama, "Actually, he was poisoned by his wife, Jaʿdah bint** Ashʿath. He was martyred on the 28th of Ṣafar."

Ahmad was stunned! "That is very wrong," said Ahmad.

"Yes it is, but Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) lived a very great life. Even as a child, he had great qualities and loved knowledge! Let me tell you a great story about his childhood!" Baba said.

* Shahīd: someone who dies in the path of Allah

** Daughter of

The bright sunshine poured into the Prophet's masjid, illuminating a hall packed with people lined in prayer. At the head of the congregation was the Noble Prophet of Allah (ṣ) . The Prophet (ṣ) uttered the final salām, raised his hands to his ears, and recited "Allāhu Akbar" as he finished leading the prayer. Then, he slowly made his way towards the mimbar* to address the crowd. Everyone began settling down.

*Mimbar: a pulpit where the Imam sits to address a crowd

In a small corner near the back of the masjid, a five-year-old boy sat, intently waiting for the speech. Even at such a young age, the boy seemed ready to pay attention. This beautiful child was none other than the Prophet's grandson, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa).

The Prophet (ṣ) began his sermon. He spoke about the verses of the Qurʾān that had just been revealed. His loyal followers beamed, humbled to receive this valuable knowledge. In fact, they were thrilled just to be sitting before the Prophet of Islam (ṣ) . It was such an honor. The Prophet's heavenly voice brought out the beauty of Allah's words even more.

The Prophet's powerful speech echoed throughout the masjid. Everyone listened in awe. As his sermon came to an end, he recited a duʿā, and the congregation dispersed. Some people began to leave the masjid. Others patiently stood in line, waiting to shake and kiss the hand of the Noble Prophet (ṣ) .

Little Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) slipped through the crowd and excitedly ran home as soon as the sermon ended.

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) burst through the front door of his home. His mother, Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa), kneeled down and opened her arms as her son ran into them.

She looked at the young boy affectionately, waiting to hear what he had to say. Just as he always did, he began telling his mother about all the beautiful new verses he had learned from the Noble Prophet (ṣ) that day. Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) listened to him attentively and encouraged him to continue with each verse he recited. They sat together, talking about Allah.

A few hours later, Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) returned home. Sayyidah Fāṭimah Zahrāʾ (ʿa) warmly greeted her husband, "Salāmun ʿalaykum." She handed him a glass of water.

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) lovingly replied, "Wa ʿalaykum salām," and thanked Allah and her for the water.

As he rested, Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) began to tell him about the new verses that the Prophet of Allah (ṣ) had spoken about. Surprised, Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) asked, "How did you know about these verses?"

Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) smiled widely and said, "Our son Ḥasan recited these beautiful verses for me!"

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) smiled in admiration of Imām Ḥasan (ʿa). He knew that Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) was an intelligent child, but he wanted to hear him recite these verses with his own ears. He was amazed at how such a young child could memorize all those verses after hearing them at just one occasion!

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) had an idea. If he came home early, he could hear Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) tell his mother about the Prophet's sermon! It would amuse and amaze him so much to hear this beautiful conversation between Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) and his mother.

The next day, after the Noble Prophet (ṣ) finished leading the prayer, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) once again nestled in a small corner in the back. After the sermon was over, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) tried to leave the masjid quickly, but the back entrance was too crowded.

Just as he had planned, Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) was able to get home before him.

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) reached the house and greeted Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa). He then searched for the perfect hiding spot, a place where he could hear his son enter but remain hidden. There was a doorway with a curtain. Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) quietly hid behind it.

Soon, Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) entered the house, and as usual, ran to hug his dear mother.

Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) gave him a kiss on the cheek. She asked, “My dear son, what did you learn from the Prophet of Allah (ṣ) today?”

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) opened his mouth to speak, but something strange happened! No matter how hard he tried explaining the verses to his mother, he kept stammering over his words.

Again, he tried, but it was useless! He couldn’t get his words straight. “What happened, my dear son?” his mother asked. “You come home everyday and recite the verses to me so beautifully. Is something wrong?”

Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) smiled shyly. “Dear mother, I feel the presence of a great and honorable person in this room. Because of his greatness, I have become tongue-tied!” He looked around the house curiously. *Who could be home,* he wondered.

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) peeked out from behind the curtain and looked at his son. When the young boy saw his father, he suddenly understood!

Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) laughed heartily. He came out from behind the curtain and lovingly hugged and kissed his son. Although he did not get to hear his son recount the verses to Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa), Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) was still pleased. He was proud that his son was so passionate to learn and spread the words of the Qurʾān.

Ḥayāt al-Imām al-Ḥasan ibn ʿAlī (ʿa), P. 59

Glossary

(ṣ): Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muḥammad and his family

(swt): All Glory belongs to God, the Glorified and Exalted

(ʿa): Peace and blessings be upon him/her

(ʿaj): May God hasten his reappearance

Ahl al-Bayt: Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Akhlāq: Islamic morals and ethics

al-Fātiḥah: The first *sūrah* of the Qurʾān, which is commonly recited and sent as a gift of prayer for the deceased

Alḥamdulillāh: All praise is for God

Baba: Father

Duʿāʾ: Supplication; a deep connection and communication between an individual and God

Imām: A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader

InshāʾAllāh: God-willing

Kaʿbah: The most Sacred Mosque for Muslims, situated in Mecca and is the direction of prayer

Mama: Mother

Marḥūmīn: Someone who has passed away

MāshāʾAllāh: As God wishes

Masjid: Mosque

Maʿṣūmīn: One who is inerrant (free of all sins, flaws, and impurities) through the divine protection and knowledge of Allah

Qurʾān: The holy book of Muslims

Salāmun ʿalaykum: Peace be upon you

Shahīd: Martyr

SubḥānAllāh: All Glory and Praise belongs to God

Tawfīq: Divine blessings from God (Allah) that give one the opportunity and ability to thrive towards success

Wa ʿalaykum salām: And peace be upon you too

Ziyārah: Visiting the house of Allah, grave of the Noble Prophet, Imāms and other important personalities

ʿUlamāʾ: Scholars

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